The University of Melbourne

Study Abroad & Exchange

About
Founded in 1853, the University of Melbourne is a public-spirited institution that makes distinctive contributions to society in research, learning and teaching and engagement. It’s consistently ranked among the leading universities in the world, with international rankings of world universities placing it as number 1 in Australia and number 32 in the world (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020).

Programs

Exchange
If the University of Melbourne has an exchange partnership agreement with an overseas institution, it is preferred those students apply for the exchange program. No tuition fees are payable to University of Melbourne.

Study Abroad
Students coming from a non-partner institution will need to apply for the study abroad program. Students may select subjects from any area as long as the subject is available for that semester, the student meets pre-requisites, and there are no faculty restrictions. Tuition fees are payable to the University of Melbourne.

Application Deadlines 2021

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Home University Nomination

Home institution advisers should download and complete the nomination form and email this to studyabroad-exchange@unimelb.edu.au prior to the application deadline along with a copy of all nominated students’ academic transcripts. Applications are processed on a rolling basis once the home university nomination form has been received by our office.
Application
Students can start their application at any time. Application instructions will not be sent by our office to students. Students should follow the steps to apply on our website. A step-by-step guide which includes the online application link can be downloaded here. It is strongly recommended that students follow the guide when completing their application.

Please note:
- Students can upload all their supporting documentation into the online application. Hard copy documents are not required.
- All supporting documentation must be in English or accompanied with an official English translation.
- Please provide your students with this fact sheet.

Semester Dates
Semester 1, 2021
- Welcome Day (compulsory) on Friday 19 February
- Orientation from Monday 22 February – Friday 26 February
- Teaching period: Monday 1 March – Sunday 30 May
- Easter Non-teaching period: Friday 2 April – Sunday 11 April
- Examination Period: Monday 7 June – Friday 25 June

Semester 2, 2021
- Welcome Day (compulsory) on Friday 16 July
- Orientation from Monday 19 July – Friday 23 July
- Teaching period: Monday 26 July – Sunday 24 October
- Non-teaching period: Monday 27 September – Sunday 3 October
- Examination Period: Monday 1 November – Friday 19 November

Please note:
- Welcome Day is compulsory, more information is available on the Welcome Day Website.
- View the full 2021 Academic Calendar here.

Students are required to remain in Melbourne until all assessment items are completed. Return airfares should be booked for dates after the end of the exam period.

Eligibility Criteria
- Completion of two semesters of full-time tertiary study outside Australia at the time of entry to the University of Melbourne.
- Above average results: the equivalent to a minimum ‘C’ average in the European system; or 3.0 grade point average from the North American system.
- Proof of English language ability. (both UG and PG incoming Study Abroad and Exchange students are assessed at the UG level requirement)
- Full list of entry requirements listed here.
Subject Load

Terminology

- **Course**: The overall degree or program studied. Study Abroad & Exchange students should apply for one of the following four courses only
  
  | EX-UG (Exchange Undergraduate) | SA-UG (Study Abroad Undergraduate) |
  | EX-PG (Exchange-Postgraduate) | SA-PG (Study Abroad Postgraduate) |

- **Subject**: A single unit within a course. You can search for all subjects using the online handbook.
- Some faculties have subject restrictions and they are listed here.
- There are over 400 undergraduate subjects that have been preapproved for incoming UG students.
- Students must enroll in a subject load of between 37.5 and 50 points (3 to 4 subjects) per semester.
- All subjects are taught in English (except for specific language subjects).

For more information about choosing subjects, read the Selecting Your Subjects page.

Grading System

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*Full Grading Scheme explained [here](#).

Schools and Faculties

The University has seven campuses around the state of Victoria with the main campus at Parkville near the city center of Melbourne. The University is divided into several faculties and graduate schools, listed here.

Overseas Student Health Cover

It is an Australian Government requirement that all international students* studying on a student visa have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC), from an approved Australian provider. Home country/institution insurance will not be accepted. No Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) will be issued until proof of an OSHC policy purchased through the University of Melbourne or independently is provided.

*Swedish, Norwegian and Belgian students are exempt from requiring OSHC.
Visa Requirements

Students coming from overseas to study at the University of Melbourne (who are not Australian or New Zealand citizens) must have a valid visa to enter Australia. Most incoming students will apply for a **Student Visa (sub-class 500, non-award sector)**. Students can apply for a student visa once they receive the CoE (Confirmation of Enrolment) from the University of Melbourne via email. Students should research all visa options and apply through the [Department of Home Affairs](https://IMERabinet.gov.au) website.

Arrivals

The closest airport to the University of Melbourne is **Tullamarine Airport**, which is approximately 20km from the city centre. The University offers a [free airport pick-up service](https://www.unimelb.edu.au) for study abroad and exchange students. Reservations at least three days before your arrival are essential.

Housing

Housing should be applied for as early as possible. Once the online application has been submitted, students can begin applying for housing using their Unimelb Student Number. All housing information and applications are contained through [this link](https://www.unimelb.edu.au).

Transcripts

The University of Melbourne uses a secure online system called **My eQuals** to distribute e-transcripts to all students approximately a week after results are released provided there are no outstanding debts or withheld or incomplete results. Students can then enter their home institution adviser’s email address into the system to have it send a secure copy of their transcript.

The City of Melbourne

Melbourne is the capital city of the state of Victoria and with a population of 4.8 million people is the state’s largest (and Australia’s second largest) city. Consistently voted as one of the world’s most liveable cities, Melbourne is the cultural and sporting capital of Australia with many festivals and sporting events held throughout the year. These include:

- AFL season & Grand Final (Australian Rules Football)
- Australian Tennis Open
- Formula One Grand Prix
- Boxing Day Cricket Test
- Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach (Surfing)
- Melbourne Cup (Horse Racing)
- Chinese New Year
- Moomba Festival
- International Coffee Expo
- Queer Film Festival
- International Comedy Festival
- White Night

With 38% of the population born overseas and 140 cultures represented, Melbourne is extremely multi-cultural and welcoming of people from all backgrounds. With almost all food cuisines catered for, Melbourne’s food scene is world class, and boasts more coffee shops per capita than any other city in the world!
Emergency Contact Details

If there is an emergency regarding an international student at the University of Melbourne, you can call the following numbers:

**Business hours:** +61 3 8344 7452 (Monday – Friday, 9.00 am - 5.00 pm)  
**After hours:** +61 3 8344 6666

If using this number, ask to leave a message for Global Learning, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

For Emergency services (ambulance, fire or police) dial ‘000’ in Australia.

More Information

- [Inbound Study Abroad & Exchange Blog](#)
- [Study Abroad & Exchange Home Page](#)
- [Study Abroad & Exchange Brochure](#)
- [University Home Page](#)
- [Support Services](#)
- [Visa Information](#)
- [Cost of Living](#)

Did you know Melbourne is famous for its street art? The University of Melbourne even has a subject called [Street Art](#) which allows students to explore and learn about the street art in Melbourne’s laneways.

We respectfully acknowledge the Boon Wurrung, Wurundjeri, Dja Dja Wurrung and Yorta Yorta people of the Kulin nations as the Traditional Owners of the land on which the University of Melbourne operates.